

The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem Announces The CIEE Global Exchange Scholarship for 2020 Summer Work & Travel (SWT)

The Summer Work Travel program provides foreign students with an opportunity to live and work in the United States during their summer vacation from college or university to experience and to be exposed to the people and way of life in the United States. Students from around the world can apply directly to designated SWT sponsoring agencies and fund their own participation in this J-1 exchange program. More information about the U.S. Department of State funded Summer Work & Travel program is available here: https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/j-1-visa-summer-work-travel-program

The Palestinian Affairs Unit is please to announce scholarships funding a select number of Palestinian participants' participation in this cultural exchange through the CIEE Global Exchange Scholarship Program. Students who take part in this program are given a summer job and undertake non-skilled work in a seasonal environment. Typical seasonal job types include front desk clerk, sales associate, server, host, ride attendant, and resort worker. Students may work at a U.S. National Park, a mountain or beach resort area, or a popular amusement/theme park in a variety of U.S. states. Students with stronger English skills will be eligible for a wider variety of positions. Students should expect to work an average of 30 hours per week. Students receive a thorough CIEE job profile outlining host employer job duties and pay rate, transportation options, housing details, and local area information. Applicants to the CIEE Global Exchange Scholarship do not need to find or apply through a designated sponsor agency. They should apply via the following link:

https://cieewat.wufoo.com/forms/ciee-scholarship-palestinian-territories/

Benefits of the CIEE Global Exchange Scholarship include:

- CIEE Work & Travel USA program fee
- Job placement fee
- Travel insurance
- Required SEVIS U.S. immigration fee
- U.S. visa application fee
- Round trip transportation costs to their employment site
- Settling in allowance to cover travel incidentals and expenses before the first paycheck

Candidate Criteria:

In order to be eligible for the CIEE Global Exchange Scholarship through the Palestinian Affairs Unit, students must meet the following qualifications:

• Be between 18 and 30 years old;

- Be a Palestinian resident of the West Bank, Gaza, or East Jerusalem at the time of application and throughout the interview process;
- Be registered as a full-time student at a university or other institution of post-secondary education. The degree/diploma course in which students are registered must be at least two years in duration. Students in post-graduate courses that are less than two years (i.e. masters courses), are also eligible;
- Be able to successfully interact in an English-speaking environment, have sufficient English proficiency to navigate daily life, read and comprehend materials, and know how to obtain assistance when necessary;
- Demonstrate an interest in engaging with U.S. culture and communities.

CIEE is seeking candidates that are eager to develop their roles as global citizens for the Global Exchange Scholarship Program.

Application Deadline and Inquiries:

- To be considered for the scholarship, candidates must complete the <u>CIEE Global</u> <u>Exchange Scholarship form online</u>, including submitting the required attachments (passport scan and resume/CV) and signature.
- Applicants' resumes must contain their current contact information (cell phone and email).
- Applicants should indicate their geographic location within Gaza, West Bank, or East Jerusalem in under "Country of Study" in order to ensure appropriate follow up by the Palestinian Affairs Unit team.
- Please submit your application no later than **December 15, 2019.**

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Please contact <u>Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov</u> with any questions or call 02-622-7188 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Please send any questions to GazaExchanges@gmail.com